

Opportunity to Comment on Use of Domestic Sheep, Goats, and Pack Goats

The Shoshone National Forest has prepared a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for Use of Domestic Sheep, Goats, and Pack Goats, which is a Supplement to the Shoshone National Forest Plan, which was revised in May of 2015. The Shoshone National Forest proposes to limit areas where domestic sheep allotments are stocked and restrict the use of domestic goats and pack goats on the Forest to reduce the risk of disease transmission to bighorn sheep. The area affected by the proposal includes core native bighorn sheep habitat across Shoshone National Forest. This action is needed because of the potential impacts to core native bighorn sheep herds. The SDEIS is available online at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/shoshone/landmanagement/planning>

The SDEIS and supporting documentation are also available for review at the Forest Service Offices in Cody, Dubois, and Lander WY. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from: Casey McQuiston, Resources Staff Officer, cmcquiston@fs.fed.us or (307) 578-5134

The analysis within the Use of Domestic Sheep, Goats, and Pack Goats SDEIS will result in a Supplement to the Record of Decision for the Shoshone National Forest Plan Revision. Comments on the SDEIS will be accepted for 90 days. This comment period begins the day after this Notice is published in the Denver Post. This comment period provides those interested in or affected by this proposal an opportunity to make their concerns known prior to a decision by the Responsible Official, Brian Ferebee, Rocky Mountain Regional Forester.

How to Comment and Timeframe on the Programmatic Plan Supplement

The proposed Supplement to the Forest Plan is subject to 36 CFR 219 Subparts A and B. The Environmental Protection Agency published a Notice of Availability (NOA) for the SDEIS in the Federal Register on May 12, 2017. Substantive formal comments (36 CFR 219.62) on the supplement to the plan will be accepted for 90 days following the date of this Notice. The publication date of this Notice is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for a proposed action documented in a SDEIS. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. If the comment period ends on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, comments will be accepted until the end of the next Federal working day.

Only individuals or entities (as defined by 36 CFR 219.53) who submit substantive formal comments (as defined by 36 CFR 219.62) about this plan supplement will be eligible to file an objection. Other requirements to be eligible to submit an objection are defined by 36 CFR 219.54(c) include name, postal address, signature or other verification of identity upon request, and the identity of the individual or entity who authored the comments. Individual members of an entity must submit their own individual comments in order to have eligibility to object as an individual. A timely submission will be determined as outlined in 36 CFR 219.16(a)(2). It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure timely receipt of any comments submitted. Names and

contact information submitted with comments will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

Substantive formal comments are those that are within the scope of the proposal, are specific to the proposal, have a direct relationship to the proposal, and include supporting reasons for the responsible official to consider (36 CFR 219.62).

Submitting Comments

Substantive formal comments on the SDEIS for the programmatic plan supplement must be submitted via mail, fax, or in person (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) to: Casey McQuiston, Resources Staff Officer, Shoshone National Forest, 808 Meadowlane Avenue, Cody, Wyoming 82414, Fax: (307) 578-5112. Electronic comments including attachments may be submitted by email in Word format (.doc), portable document format (.pdf), rich text format (.rtf), text (.txt), and hypertext markup language (.html) to comments-rocky-mountain-shoshone@fs.fed.us.

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